

**In the Specification**

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TRANSMISSION LINE STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF SIGNAL PROPAGATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following:

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18 with the following:

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Not applicable.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4 with the following:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1 with the following:

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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ABSTRACT